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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated June 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 14 with the following paragraph:

[0014] In an exemplary embodiment, latch assembly 26 includes a keeper 38 attached to tub assembly 34. In one embodiment, keeper 38 is formed integrally with tub assembly 34. Keeper 38 includes a biasing member 40 and a head 42. In one embodiment, biasing member 40 is formed unitarily with head 42. Alternatively, biasing member 40 and head 42 are separate components. In an exemplary embodiment, biasing member 40 and head 42 are formed integrally. Head 42 includes a catch 44, a switch actuator 46, and a lock release projection 48. In one embodiment, biasing member 40 and head 42 are formed from a metallic material. In another embodiment, biasing member 40 and head 42 are formed from a non-metallic material. Biasing member 40 has a thickness 50 that is measured between a top surface 52 and a bottom

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